

REMARKS

Undersigned Applicants' representative wishes to thank Examiner Boykin for the helpful and courteous discussion regarding the merits of this application held on August 18, 2004. The substance of this discussion will be expanded upon in the remarks made below. The suggestions made by the Examiner in both the interview and the Office Action have been adopted, therefore obviating the indicated rejections.

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 06/24/2004, the provisional rejection of claims 1-17 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-100 of copending application serial No.: 10/698,397 is respectfully traversed. The first paragraph, second page of the above identified Office Action, refers to claims 1-100 of the present application and to claims 1-17 of the copending application 10/698,397. As Examiner Boykin has recognized on page 1 of the above identified Office Action the present application, as originally filed contained 1-17 claims, while the copending application 10/698,397, contained 1-100 claims as originally filed. It appears that the number of claims of the two applications have been accidentally reversed by the Examiner.

It is believed that the amendment to claim 1 obviates the rejection. Thus, the claims of the present application are distinct from the claims of copending application 10/698,397 in that the claims of 10/698,397 require a cosolvent. Further Claim 1 of the copending application 10/698,397, as presently amended, recites the cosolvents in a Markush group, thus distinguishing the cosolvent from the term "a mixture thereof" recited in Claims 1 and 11 of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the provisional rejection.

In addition, as discussed with Examiner Boykin in the above mentioned interview, the present application is assigned to Folia, Inc. by one of the inventors, namely Graham Swift, and to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture by the additional Inventors, namely, K.M. Doll, R.L. Shogren, R.A. Holser and L. Willett. In contrast the copending application 10/698,397 is assigned solely to Folia, Inc by the sole inventor, Graham Swift. Accordingly, the two applications are not owned by the same entity. Copies of pertinent Assignment

Appl. No.: 10/698,398
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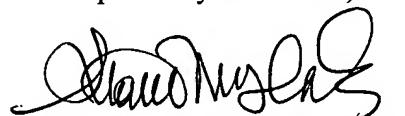
instruments filed at the USPTO, including date stamped filing receipts, are attached herewith in accordance with Examiner Boykin's request.

A marked-up sheet of the amended claim is attached herewith.

Having complied with the suggestions by Examiner Boykin Applicants submit that the application is now ready for allowance and early notification to that effect will be greatly appreciated.

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MARKED-UP SHEET

Claim1. A method for preparing a polysuccinimide, which comprises, subjecting aspartic acid to polymerization in a solvent of supercritical fluid to form a polysuccinimide; wherein said supercritical fluid is selected from the group consisting of CO₂, NH₃, H₂O, N₂O, xenon, krypton, methane, ethane, ethylene, propane, pentane, methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, isobutanol, CClF₃, CFH₃, cyclohexanol, CS₂ and a mixture thereof.



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residing at 6516 N. University Street, #1304, Peoria, Illinois 61614;
23101 N. Berchtold Road, Chillicothe, Illinois 61523;
25807 County Road 2500 East, Manito, Illinois 61546; and
1069 Johnson Street, Morton, Illinois 61550; respectively,
having invented an improvement in Synthesis of Polysuccinimide and
Copoly(succinimide-aspartate) in a Supercritical Fluid
with Graham Swift

for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed concurrently herewith and identified as Docket No. 103-007-CIP:

WHEREAS, the WORLDWIDE patent rights in our share of said invention are assignable to the United States by virtue of our having made the invention while in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture under applicable law and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture which render the patent rights so assignable; and

WHEREAS, the United States, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture, is desirous of acquiring an assignment of said patent rights;

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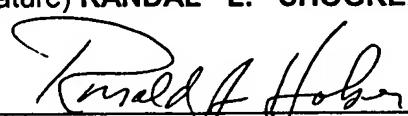
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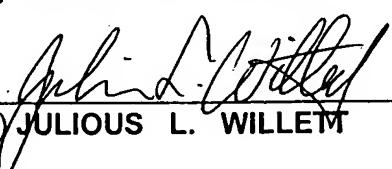
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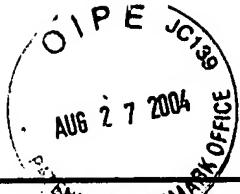
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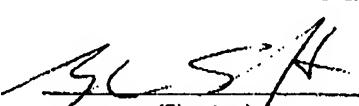
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